



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 8049.0012-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Oscar Lee AVANT et al.) Group Art Unit: 3653
Application No.: 09/652,708) Examiner: Daniel K. Schlak
Filed: August 31, 2000) Confirmation No.: 3485
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR)
READING AN IDENTIFICATION CODE)
FROM A MAILPIECE)

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the
Office Action of April 21, 2004. A fee of \$980.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time and charge any additional
required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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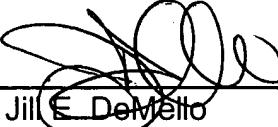
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Respectfully submitted,

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